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REPORT

OF THE



RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES,

BY THE

SELECTMEN

OF THE

TOWN OF EPPING,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

FEB., 1856.

CONCORD:

JONES & COGSWELL, PRINTERS.

1856.

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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

The Selectmen charge themselves with the following sums:

Received of the Selectmen of last year,.....	\$292 01
In the hands of B. S. Clifford,.....	487 95
A list of taxes assessed and committed to Joseph Garland, to collect for 1855,.....	2850 57
To a list of taxes assessed against the inhabitants of school district No. 4, and committed to said Garland, 129 41	
To a list of taxes assessed against the inhabitants of school district No. 5, and committed for collection,....	156 11
The Selectmen have borrowed of John Jenness, and Stephen Holt,.....	200 00
Received of H. G. O. Rundlett, pair of Steers,.....	55 00
Received of the State Literary Money,.....	77 52
Received of the County for support of paupers,.....	288 65
Received of the State, Railroad tax,	11 52
By cash received of Deerfield,.....	6 58
By cash received of Nancy Norris,.....	5 25
Received of Abigail Sanborn,.....	24 46
Daniel W. Ladd, per note,.....	300 00
J. C. Plumer, for town farm Oxen,.....	135 00
J. C. Plumer, cash in part per note,.....	82 48
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The Selectmen credit themselves with the following sums:

1855.

Mar. 20.	Paid G. Parker Lyon, stationery,.....	\$6 56
" 27.	" Jones & Cogswell, printing town account, 18 00	
" 27.	" Nat. Batchelder, his execution,.....	130 61
"	" Division 253, supplies, poor farm,.....	16 79
April 28.	" A. W. Hodgdon, ironing cart wheels,..	11 00
"	" Daniel Sanborn, cart wheels,.....	14 00
July 30.	" Thomas Smith, copies of deeds for H. Quimby,.....	1 00

Sept. 20.	"	Geo. Sawyer, bill cash paid :	
		James Horner, 54 hours work on B.	
		road under indictment,.....	\$6 75
		Jacob Bly, 29 hours,.....	3 62
		John L. Porter, 20 hours,.....	2 50
		John Smart, 30 hours,.....	3 75
		John Purinton, 49 hours,.....	6 12
		Enoch Johnson, 8 hours,.....	1 00
			—————\$23 74
Nov. 20.	"	Chase P. Blake, in part for an ox,.....	55 00
Nov. 28.	"	Nonresident taxes, poor farm,.....	3 96
Dec. 29.	"	Joel Howard, labor on B. road,.....	2 38
	"	Thomas Folsom, 4 days on Brentwood	
		road,.....	\$5 00
		Thomas Folsom, 1 day on French	
		road,.....	1 00
		20 sqr. feet stone to cover water	
		course,.....	2 00
		160 feet timber, Wachick Bridge, 1	28
		764 feet bridge plank,.....	8 40
			—————\$17 68
	"	A. W. Hodgdon, for support of James	
		Walker,.....	48 75
	"	T. G. Edgerly, 2147 feet bridge plank,..	26 83

1856.

Feb. 9.	Paid E. T. Garland, literary Sch. Dist. No. 1,	\$14 28
"	Alfred Swain, " " "	2, 7 04
"	Daniel Barber, " " "	3, 6 09
"	Benj. Burley, " " "	4, 7 35
"	C. F. Edgerly, " " "	5, 11 07
"	G. R. Stevens, " " "	6, 8 40
"	Jonathan Gove, " " "	7, 8 05
"	David Stickney, " " "	8, 15 18
"	S. S. Fletcher, school commissioner,.....	23 83

Gilman Marston's Bill:

To fees and services, in the action Sophia Gordon v. B. S. Clifford and others, C. C. P.	
Sept. term, 1850. To term fee,.....	\$5 00
Feb. " 1851. " " "	5 00
Sept. " " trial and argument,.....	30 00
Feb. " 1852. " term fee,.....	5 00
Sept. " " term fee and trial,.....	20 00

Feb. Term 1853, To trial and argument,	\$30 00
Sept. " " term fee,.....	5 00
Feb. 1854, " term fee and argument of motion, 10 00	
Sept. " " term fee,.....	5 00
Feb. 1855, " term fee,.....	5 00
S. Court.	
Dec. term, 1853, To term fee,.....	10 00
July 1854, " term fee,.....	10 00
To fees and services, in the action Sophia Gordon v. Rundlet, Edgerly, and Chase, C. C. P.	
Sept. term, 1852, To term fee,.....	5 00
Feb. 1853, " " "	5 00
Sept. " " "	5 00
Feb. 1854, " " "	5 00
Sept. " " "	5 00
S. Court.	
Dec. term, 1853, " " "	10 00
July 1854, " " " and argument,.....	20 00
To fees and services in the action, Sophia Gordon v. Norris, Plummer and Towle, C. C. P.	
Feb. term, 1851, To term fee,.....	\$5 00
Sept. " " "	5 00
Feb. 1852, " " "	5 00
Sept. " " "	5 00
Feb. 1853, " " "	5 00
Sept. " " "	5 00
Feb. 1854, " " "	5 00
Sept. " " "	5 00
S. Court.	
Dec. term, 1853, To term fee,.....	10 00
July 1854, " " " and argument,.....	15 00
" cash paid for copies of cases,.....	3 00
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	\$263 00
Deducted on settlement,.....	10 00
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	\$253 00

James McMurphy's Bill:

Feb. term, 1853. To term fee in action Gordon v. Norris and others,.....	\$5 00
" " " term fee Gordon v. Rundlet and others,.....	5 00

July 8	1853,	To journey to Exeter to assist Marston in action Gordon v. Clifford, and others,.....	\$5 00
July	"	" term fee, Gordon v. Clifford, and others,.....	7 50
Aug. 17.	"	" advice about school-house lot.....	1 25
" 31.	"	" advice about obstructing Highway,.....	1 00
" 5.	"	" term fee Gordon v. Clifford, and others,.....	5 00
"	"	" Gordon v. Norris and others,.....	7 00
"	"	" Gordon v. Rundlet, and others,..	7 00
Dec. 17.	"	" term fee in S. C. Gordon v. Clifford, and others,.....	5 00
"	"	" Gordon v. Norris and others,.....	5 00
"	"	" Gordon v. Rundlet, and others,....	5 00
"	"	" Making argument in Gordon v. Clifford, and others,.....	10 00
Feb. 25.	1854,	To term fee Gordon v. Clifford, and others,.....	5 00
"	"	" term fee Gordon v. Rundlet, and others,.....	5 00
"	"	" term fee Gordon v. Norris and others, 5 00	
April 24.	"	" opinion as to power of Selectmen, to make certain appointments, 2 00	
July 3.	"	" journey to Exter, and expenses,....6 00	
"	"	" term fee on the action, S. Gordon v. Clifford and others,.....10 00	
"	"	" term fee, and services in case Gordon v. Rundlet, and others,..10 00	
"	"	" Gordon v. Norris, and others,...10 00	
C. C. P.			
Sept.	"	" term fee, in action S. Gordon v. Clifford, and others,.....5 00	
"	"	" " Rundlet, and others,.....5 00	
"	"	" " Norris, and others,.....5 00	
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			\$136 75
		Deduct.....	12 50
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			\$124 25
Paid Chase P. Blake, in full for an ox,.....	18 00		
" H. B. Burnham doctoring county pauper,	2 00		
" Alfred Swain Fogg, donation to schools,	6 00		

Stickney & Tuck's Bill:

Jan.	27.	1851.	To advice about suit, Bachelder v. Epping,.....	\$2 00
Feb.	"	"	term fee, Bachelder v. Epping, C. C. P,.....	5 00
Mar.	17.	"	advice about choice of Selectmen,.....	2 00
"	27.	"	advice about taxation,.....	2 00
April	"	"	term fee, Bachelder v. Epping,.....	5 00
"	17.	"	advice about taxation by letter,.....	2 00
Sept.	17.	"	term fee, Bachelder v. Epping,.....	5 00
Feb.	5.	1852.	advice by letter about taxes,.....	2 00
"	"	"	term fee, Bachelder v. Epping,.....	5 00
Sept.	"	"	" " "	5 00
Jan.	5.	1853.	court and advice on Town of Sandwich,.....	3 00
Feb.	"	"	term fee, Epping v. Sandwich,.....	5 00
"	"	"	paid for service of writ,.....	3 00
"	"	"	for entry and con.....	1 25
April	"	"	term fee Bachelder v. Epping,.....	3 00
"	"	"	term fee Epping v. Sandwich,.....	3 00
June 20.	"	"	advice about school-district,.....	2 00
" 26.	"	"	advice and consultation in suit, Bachelder v. Epping,.....	2 00
July 28.	"	"	advice about hearing, and certificate,.....	1 00
" 29.	"	"	going to Epping, and attending to hearing before Auditor,.....	8 38
Aug. 29.	"	"	advice about location of school house and examining proceedings of meetings,.....	3 00
Sept.	"	"	fee Bachelder v. Epping,.....	6 00
"	"	"	term fee, Epping v. Sandwich,.....	5 00
Dec.	"	"	term fee, Bachelder v. Epping,.....	10 00
"	"	"	argument in writing in same,.....	6 00
Feb.	1854,	"	advice about claim of committee,.....	1 00
"	"	"	term fee Bachelder v. Epping,.....	5 00
"	"	"	term fee Epping v. Sandwich,.....	5 00
July	"	"	term fee Bachelder v. Epping,.....	10 00
Aug. 28.	"	"	advice about suit v. Sandwich,.....	1 00
Sept.	"	"	term fee Bachelder v. Epping,.....	6 00
"	"	"	term fee Epping v. Sandwich,.....	6 00
Oct.	"	"	paid for copy of case, Bachelder v. Epping,.....	1 00
"	"	"	paid for certificate,.....	50

Oct.	1854.	To paid for continuances of actions,....	\$ 20
Dec. 6.	"	advice about suit v. Sandwich,.....	1 00
Jan. 7.	1855.	" going to Epping, and attending to taking depositions in action v. Sandwich,.....	5 00
"	"	" paid for horse and sleigh,.....	1 50
Feb.	"	" term fee in action v. Sandwich,....	6 00
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			\$145 83
Feb. 24. 1854.		Cr. By cash,.....	25 00
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			120 83
		Discount,	8 83
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			\$112 00

Paid Daniel B. Rogers, cash in part his
bill for Town farm supplies,..... 78 82
" cash Durgin Gove, supplies furnish-
ed Town Farm,..... 50 65
" Thomas Folsom, stationery & postage,.. 75

Thomas Folsom, bill of services as Selectman in town :

1855.

March 10, 24, 31,	To 1½ day spent, town business,....	\$1 88
April 2, 3,	" 2 days taking invoice,.....	3 00
" 7,	" ½ day at poor farm,....	63
" 8,	" entering names on inventories and highway warrants,.....	1 00
" 9, 11, 12, 13 and 28, 4½ days making invento- ries, and taxes,.....		5 62
June 2, 1856.	" one day taking invoice of in- habitants of school-district No. 5, and examining records,..	1 50
" 5,	" making and recording school house tax district No. 5,.....	1 50
" 25 and 26.	" proportioning school taxes and recording,	2 00
July 14,	" ½ day town business,.....	62
Sept. 22,	" ½ day purchasing string pieces Tilton's bridge,.....	63
Nov. 1,	" ½ day making sale Town farm Apples,.....	63
" 23,	" ½ day Town farm, respecting oxen,	63

Dec. 1, 8 and 29,	" day on business at Selectmen's office,	\$1 00
Jan. 7. 1856.	" $\frac{1}{2}$ day attending to poor, Widow Hilton's,.....	63
" 26,	" $\frac{1}{2}$ day settling town accounts,...	63
Feb. 9,	" $\frac{1}{2}$ day settling accounts,.....	63
" 15,	" 1 day appraising Town farm property,.....	1 25
" 20,	" settling accounts poor farm and making records,.....	1 25
" 23 and 28,	" 1 day settling accounts at office, 1	25
" 25	" 1 day preparing accounts for Auditors,.....	1 25
" 29,	" 1 day comparing accounts with Auditors,.....	1 25
	" preparing accounts for printer, 3	50
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Thomas Folsom, bill of services and Expenses out of Town : 1855.

March 2.	To one day services and expenses at Concord,.....	3 00
June 24.	" 1 day examining settlement Henry Quimby,.....	1 25
" 30.	" 1 day and expenses to Exeter respecting suits,.....	2 38
Oct. 5.	" 3 days to Sandwich and expenses, suit Epping v. Sandwich,.....	9 00
Nov. 15.	" 3 days Barnstead and expenses said suit,.....	6 50
Dec. 2.	" 1 day to Exeter, to consult counsel for said suit,.....	1 50
" 16.	" 1 day to Portsmouth said suit,....	2 78
		<hr/> \$26 41
Feb. 29.	To stationery,.....	75
	Paid J. S. H. Frink superintending school committee,.....	18 00
March 1.	" cash paid Daniel B. Rogers, " superintendent of the town farm,.....	200 00
	" yoke of oxen for town,.....	120 00
	" D. B. Rogers note in part,.....	135 00

*The following bill paid by Joseph Garland, collector of taxes
for 1855, by order of Selectmen.*

1855.

Dec. 29.	Paid County Treasurer, County tax,.....	\$528 21
	" State Treasurer, State tax,.....	317 80
	" E. T. Garland, Sch. Dist. No. 1,.....	125 50
	" Alfred Swain, " " 2,.....	62 14
	" Daniel Barber, " " 3,.....	53 53
	" Benj. Burley, " " 4,.....	64 57
	" C. F. Edgerly, " " 5,.....	98 07
	" G. R. Stevens, " " 6,.....	73 79
	" Jonathan Gove, " " 7,.....	70 85
	" David Stickney, " " 8,.....	133 35

Henry Leach, Bill:

To 4 days work, and plough F. road,	\$4 50
" 5 days work and plough F. road,	5 00
" drawing bridge plank,.....	75
	—————\$10 25
Paid C. G. Barber, 162 feet plank,.....	1 62
" John H. Boody, 7½ on Tilton's bridge	8 50
" Ezekiel B. Brown, 5 days work and cart on B. road,.....	5 50
" D. W. Nayson, for stone for bridge,....	5 00
" David Clifford, 4½ days on B. road,....	4 25
" David Clifford, 4 days on F. road,.....	5 00
" S. B. Rollins, 3½ days work on F. road, 3	12
" Theo. Norris, 1½ days work on B. road, 1	12
" Amos Stickney, 3½ days work on B. road, 3	62
" J. F. Robinson, for the use of a scraper, 1	50
" Abraham Plumer, 12½ days work on F. road,.....	12 87
" Abraham Plumer, 4½ days work on road, oak hill,.....	4 50
N. P. Fogg, guide boards,.....	\$1 50
Procuring affidavits Gordon v. Clif- ford and others,.....	2 50
Work repairing town hall,.....	1 25
	—————\$ 6 75

1856.

Jan. 26.	Paid Geo. Sawyer, spikes and nails,..	\$1 00
	" Moses Libby, work on Bachelder's, bridge,.....	1 25

Paid J. M. Godfrey, 1 day Bachelder's bridge,.....	1 50	
		\$3 75
" Daniel Barber, 2 string pieces,.....	22 00	
" C. F. Edgerly, 3 days and cart on F. road,.....	3 50	
" J. Clough, 4 days work on F. road,....	4 00	
" C. W. Burnham, 1 day work on town house,.....	2 25	
" Moses Libby, 4 days work and cart on B. road,.....	4 25	
" D. E. Cilley, 4 days and cart en F. road, 5	13	
" Geo. Ramsbottom, 3½ day labor and cart on F. road,.....	3 62	
" David Kenard, ½ day breaking F. road,..	62	
" Eliphalet Dearborn, 10 days work and plow, on Brentwood road,.....	12 00	
" John Garland, 3¾ days work on road,...	3 75	
" N. P. Fogg, 6¾ days work breaking road, 6	75	
" Thomas Hopkins, 1½ days work break- ing road,.....	1 50	
" Thomas Hopkins, 5¼ days work on F. road, 5	75	
" J. H. Prescott 4½ days work on B. road,.....	4 50	
" 35 posts, at 25 cents,....	8 75	
" 512 feet railing timber,....	5 12	
		\$18 37
" 1 cask lime town house,..	1 25	
" hauling sand,.....	75	
" 65 feet joist,	75	
" 1½ days work,.....	1 87	
		\$4 62
" ½ cord wood town house,..	2 25	
" ½ cord pine wood,.....	1 25	
		\$3 50
" Joseph Edgerly, Jr., covering stone,1 00 labor on Towle road,.....	1 75	
" repairing stone bridge,....	50	
" hauling bridge plank to Til- ton's bridge,.....	1 25	
		4 50

James F. Robinson, bill breaking roads:

Feb. 26.	Paid Henry Jones, 14 hours on road,	\$1 78
	" Jesse Miles, 14 "	1 75
	" Dudley Miles, 14 "	1 75
	" Geo. Purinton, 14 "	1 75
	" Benj. Richards, 12, "	1 50
	" David Richards, 14, "	1 75
		— \$10 25
	Paid Samuel Plumer, Jr., for labor, stone, powder &c., in highway district No. 11, 4 50	
"	E. P. Marden, for iron work Folsom's bridge,.....	1 73
"	Stephen Holt, railing Folsom's bridge,.....	2 50
"	2 days hauling stone,.....	2 00
"	65 feet covering stone Folsom's bridge,.....	3 00
"	1 day's work hauling stone for a water course near Folsom's bridge,.....	3 00
"	one covering stone for same,....	1 00
		— \$11 50
Feb. 9.	" Joseph French, 3 days work on B. road,	3 00
"	J. H. Pike, his services town clerk,....	8 00
"	Henry Sanborn, Jr., 3 days work F. road,	3 00
"	Folsom Dow, 3 days work F. road,....	3 00
"	George H. Floyd 1 day's work F. road,	1 00
"	John Garland, 2½ days breaking road,..	2 50
"	John H. Prescott, bill:	
"	John Williams, 2 days work on W. bridge,.....	2 00
"	Charles Parks, 2 days work on W. bridge,.....	2 00
"	J. H. Pike,.....	50
"	Nails,.....	10
		— \$4 60
"	S. Prescott, 1½ day on W. bridge,....	1 50
"	David F. Bartlett, 3 days on F. road,..	3 00
"	" " 1 day on Plumer road,	1 00
"	Joshua Purinton, 3 days breaking road,	3 00
"	B. B. Blake, 1½ days work on B. road,	1 12
"	B. B. Blake, repairs on pound,.....	3 34
"	James L. Randlett, 6¾ days work on B. road,.....	6 74

Paid	Hard wood plank for road 64 feet,	81
"	plow broke on road,.....	1 50
		— 2 31
"	G. W. Fogg, donation to ministry,.....	6 00
"	Jacob Bly, 2 days work B. road,.....	2 00
Feb. 23.	Jacob H. Tilton, stone for water course, 3	00
"	Daniel Pinkham work, F. road,.....	1 00
"	" labor breaking roads,..	2 12
"	John Johnson, building two culverts and stone,.....	23 00

George Sawyer's bill, breaking road:

Paid	John Parsley, 6 hours work,	75
"	Simon Allen, 5 "	62
"	Barley Brown, 2 "	25
"	Benj. Harris, 2 "	25
"	David Fogg, 2 "	25
"	Geo. Sawyer, 9 "	1 12
"	Simeon Allen, 2½ "	31
"	True Osgood, 2 "	31
"	J. G. Ordway, 8 "	1 00
"	A. W. Ordway, 8 "	1 00
"	J. L. Randlett, 18 "	2 25
		— \$8 30
"	John Dow, labor on N. River bridge,...	75
"	Chase G. Barber, breaking out roads,...	4 00

Lowell N. Clifford's bill, breaking roads:

Paid	C. P. Blake 7 1-2 days,.....	7 50
"	Stephen H. Lock, 1-2 day,.....	50
"	S. G. Sanborn, 1 1-2 day,.....	1 50
"	Samuel Dow, 2 days,.....	2 00
"	J. B. Jones, 1 day,.....	1 00
"	W. N. Dow, 1½ day,.....	1 75
"	B. S. Clifford, 1-2 day,.....	50
"	L. N. Clifford, 3 days,.....	3 00
		— \$17 75

Feb. 23.	Paid Jonathan Rollins, 8 hours breaking road,	\$1 00
"	Lymon Prescott, labor on B. road,.....	1 00
"	Lymon Prescott, bill breaking roads, labor breaking roads,.....	\$4 04
	Eliphalet Dearborn,	4 66
	Joseph French,	2 84

Joseph Hayes,	\$1	59
Geo. S. Randlett,	2	12
Benjamin Geer,	2	47
Albridge Towle,.....	1	82
W. Towle,	1	50
Charles Parkes,	1	70
Joseph Parkes,.....	1	25
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" Robert Pike, breaking roads,.....	2	75
" Benona Bartlett, labor on B. road,.....	1	25
do do breaking roads,.....	2	00
" James F. Robinson, bill breaking roads :		
Mark Carr,	\$3	50
Charles Mials,	2	00
George Johnson,	3	50
James F. Robinson,.....	3	75
William Hodgdon,	22	
William Blaisdell, Jr.,.....	1	50
Charles Blaisdell,.....	1	50
Alfred Swain,		50
	—	16 47
" D. W. Nayson's bill breaking roads :		
breaking roads,	37	
N. Lants,.....	50	
Self 29 hours,	3	62
Hendrick Purinton,.....	2	50
	—	6 99
" Henry Leach, breaking roads,.....	2	93
" Jacob H. Tilton, notifying Selectmen of a pauper last year,.....	1	50
Abated Alexander Hodgdon's poll tax, over 70,	1	27
Paid John Randlett, breaking roads,	4	30
do labor on B. road,.....	1	87
" Moses Libbey, for working S. Lawrence's nonresident highway tax 1853,.....	4	88
" N. P. Fogg, breaking roads,.....	2	12
" Thomas Hopkinson, do	1	68
" Joseph Clough, do		50
" Amos Stickney, do	2	63
" Martin V. Fogg, labor B. road,	2	00
" Matthew J. Harvey, do	2	00
" Asa W. Ordway, do	10	25
" William Durant, labor Oak hill road, ...	3	75

	Paid Eliphalet Chase, timber for bridge,	\$ 48
	do for plow broke, . . \$ 1 75	
	plank used, . . . 1 30	
		— 3 05
	do breaking road,	2 00
"	John H. Boody, breaking roads,	16 50
"	John G. Ordway, labor on B. road,	4 00
"	Alfred T. Rundlett, do2 00
"	Jonathan Thing, breaking roads,	12 00
"	B. S. Clifford, his services suits Sophia Gordon,	6 75
Feb. 28.	" Joseph Winslow, breaking roads,	6 70
"	Samuel Plumer, Jr., do	3 50
"	D. L. Harvey, do	4 04
"	John S. Blaisdell, do	4 25
"	N. P. Fogg, taking care of town house,	5 00
"	Joseph Edgerly, Jr., breaking roads,	4 25
"	Levi G. Towle, do	10 25
"	Jotham R. Colboth, do	2 13
"	John Sanborn, do	1 12
"	Sundry non-resident highway taxes,	40 52
"	John Garland, breaking roads,	2 12
"	G. S. Rundlett, services 1854,	1 87
"	J. L. Folsom, stone for bridges,	4 00
"	G. D. Durgin, bolts for bridge railing,	4 00
"	Levi Thompson, blacksmithing,	32
"	Stephen Hoit's bill breaking roads,	17 50
"	G. R. Stevens, bill breaking roads,	19 99
"	Charles Norris, enrolling militia,	3 00
"	H. B. Burnham's bill, town clerk,	6 67
	do doctoring paupers,	7 32

Abraham Plumer's bill for services and expenses as Selectman:

March 10.	To $\frac{1}{2}$ day with the Selectmen at town house,	63
24.	To $\frac{1}{2}$ day at J. H. Prescott's, on town business,	63
April 2-3.	To 2 days taking invoice,	3 00
7.	To $\frac{1}{2}$ day at town farm,	63
9.	To 1 day filing inventory,	1 25
10.	To 1 day making surveyors' warrants,	1 25
11.	To 1 day filing inventory,	1 25
12.	To 1 day casting inventory,	1 25
13.	To 1 day making taxes,	1 25

	14. To making Collector's book,.....	\$ 1 25
	17. To recording inventory and taxes,.....	2 50
	20. To 1 day making school house tax for Dist. No. 4,	1 25
	21. To distributing Surveyors' warrants,	1 00
	28. To $\frac{1}{2}$ day at town house,	62
June	2. To $\frac{1}{2}$ day on town business,.....	63
	8. To entering warrants and taxes on Collector's book for school house tax in Dist. No. 5, .	63
	9. To $\frac{1}{2}$ day at town farm,.....	63
	23. To journey to examine the French road and the road to Brentwood,	75
July	12. To examining Selectmen's records,.....	63
	23. do on pauper case,	63
Sept.	22. To journey to examine Tilton's bridge,	75
	25. To journey to town farm to purchase an ox,	63
	26. To journey to Harvey's mill in Lee, to pur- chase bridge covering,.....	75
Nov.	26. To journey to S. Folsom's and town farm,..	63
Dec.	1. To $\frac{1}{2}$ day at town house,	62
	8. To $\frac{1}{2}$ day revising jury box,.....	63
	29. To $\frac{1}{2}$ day at town house,	63
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Jan.	26. To $\frac{1}{2}$ day at town house,	63
Feb.	9. To $\frac{1}{2}$ day at do	63
	15. To 1 day at town farm,.....	1 25
	23. To $\frac{1}{2}$ day at town house,.....	63
	To making 2 checklists,.....	1 00
	28. To $\frac{1}{2}$ day at town house,.....	63
	29. To 1 day with the auditor,	1 25
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		\$32 32

Abraham Plumer's bill for services and expenses out of town:

Mar.	27. To journey to Exeter to pay Doct. Bachelor's execution,..... paid for expenses,	\$2 00 75
July	25. To journey to Fremont and Sandown to en- quire into the settlement of H. Quimby,.. to expenses,.....	2 00 25
	30. To journey to Exeter to examine records and consult counsel in Quimby case,	2 00

Sept.	1. To journey to Exeter to see counsel in suits vs. town,	2 00
	to expenses,.....	37
Nov.	20. To journey to Portsmouth to settle the coun- ty pauper bills,	2 00
	to Railroad fare and expenses,	1 57
Dec.	6. To journey to Exeter to settle Marston's and McMurphy's accounts,.....	2 00
1856		
Feb.	13. To journey to Exeter to counsel in suits vs. town,	2 00
	to expenses,.....	75
	25. To journey to Allenstown to examine into the settlement of D. H. Hilton, and expenses,	3 00
		\$20 69
Paid A. Plumer, for paper, pens, ink, blank books and 2 checklists,	1 00	
" A. Plumer, for breaking roads,	1 24	
" J. H. Prescott, do	6 25	

John H. Prescott's bill for services and expense as Selectman.

1855.		
April, 2-3.	2 days taking inventory,.....	3 00
	7. $\frac{1}{2}$ day at town farm,.....	62
	9. 1 day filing inventory,	1 25
	11. 1 day filing inventory,.....	1 25
	13. 1 day filing inventory,	1 25
	25. $\frac{1}{2}$ day distributing surveyors' warrants,....	62
	28. $\frac{1}{2}$ day at town house,	62
May	2. $\frac{1}{2}$ day examining Brentwood road,.....	63
June	8. $\frac{1}{2}$ day at town farm,.....	62
July	12. $\frac{1}{2}$ day at town house,.....	63
Nov.	26. $\frac{1}{2}$ day at town farm,	62
Dec.	1. $\frac{1}{2}$ day at town house,.....	62
	8. $\frac{1}{2}$ day revising jury box,.....	62
	29. $\frac{1}{2}$ day at town house,	62
1856.		
.Jan'y	7. journey to widow Hilton's, about paupers,..	50
	26. $\frac{1}{2}$ day at town house,	62
	28. journey to J. H. Boody's, about breaking roads,	75
Feb'y	9. $\frac{1}{2}$ day at town house,	62

15.	1 day at town farm,.....	\$ 1 25
23.	½ day at town house,.....	62
26.	½ day at town house,.....	62
29.	1 day with auditors,.....	1 25

		\$19 20

The following bills paid by B. S. Clifford, Collector for 1854.

1855.	March 10.	To cash paid Joseph C. Barley, Superintending Committee, 1854,....	\$15 00
		Paid John Ladd, non-resident labor,.....	85
		" John H. Prescott for poor, 1854,....	2 00
		" Henry Sanborn, jr., labor on road,.....	1 00
April	28.	Abated sundry taxes,	23 92
Dec'r	29.	Paid sundry non-residents' labor,.....	2 43
1856.	Feb 28.	Paid Sophia Gordon's execution against B. S. Clifford and James P. Tilton, .	312 26
		Abated sundry poll taxes,.....	12 51
March 1.		Cash in the hands of Thomas Folsom, . . .	\$68 53
		" in the hands of Joseph Garland, to complete his collection of taxes, .	490 20

Making the sum total the selectmen stand charged with \$4816 82

The note and interest of Daniel B. Rogers,
\$135 00—paid in cash ; the remainder,
\$117 52 by a new note to J. C. Plummer.

The undersigned respectfully call the attention of the tax payers of Epping to the principal cause of the present indebtedness of the town. By most of you it is a well known fact that six or seven years since, a certain old lady who resided part of the time in Epping, and part of the time in Stratham, was taxed two years in Epping, which tax she neglected and refused to pay. The selectmen directed the collectors to arrest her for those taxes, which they did and put her in jail. Four or five suits grew out of it, and after a fierce contest of five or six years two of said suits were decided against the town, and two executions followed, which were paid, amounting, with costs, to \$519 24; two executions came out in favor of the town. But the old lady has fortified herself in her castle, and bids defiance.

We hope it will not do any serious harm in calling to mind one other fact. You probably remember that the town a few years since sent three of our most respectable townsmen to Concord, to be present during the sitting of the Legislature, instructed by their constituents to use their influence in behalf of the town to get the Courts for the County of Rockingham held a part of the time in Epping. The selectmen in the settlement with these gentlemen for their services and expenses, aforesaid, a dispute arose between them and one of these gentlemen in regard to his account; from which a suit arose; and after a contest of three or four years an execution came out against the town, amounting to \$130 61.

The selectmen of last year, upon examination of the books and vouchers in their possession belonging to the town, found only about \$170 00 paid for attorneys, attending to no less than seven law suits. At the same time it was the common report that at least four lawyers had been employed in litigating these suits. Although former boards of selectmen had made no disclosure that any outstanding claims of that nature was to be met. In the face of all this the selectmen of last year came to the conclusion that there must have been some amount of indebtedness of the town which had not been reported, therefore, towards the close of last year they called upon those attorneys to present their bills, with the dates and items in their accounts, but did not ascertain the amount of their claims until after last year's Report, since which time their accounts have been presented, and paid, which you will see by our general account amounts to \$490 25.

Fellow citizens, you will see by figures which must exhibit to you the truth, so far as they go, to show that it has cost the town in two items with regard to the suits that have been so unfortunately inflicted upon us to the amount of \$1309 00. Add to this the sum that must necessarily have been paid to selectmen as agents in conducting those suits, and their witnesses, and the whole costs cannot fall much short of \$1800 00.

ABRAHAM PLUMER, } Selectmen
THOMAS FOLSOM, } of
J. H. PRESCOTT, } Epping.

EPPING, March 1, 1856.

POOR FARM ACCOUNT.

Produce raised on Poor Farm in 1855.

100 bushels corn,	129 lbs. cheese,
18 " rye,	1050 " pork,
150 " potatoes,	697 " beef,
19 " oats,	38 " wool,
12 " turnips,	11 barrels cider,
11 " beans,	216 pounds butter,
140 barrels apples,	18 tons hay.
.. Garden sauce plenty.	

*Invoice of Personal Property taken by the Selectmen of Epping
Feb. 17, 1856, belonging to the Town Farm.*

3½ tons English hay,	\$63 00	2 oxen,	\$120 00
6 tons mixture hay,	60 00	11 sheep,	28 00
Corn fodder,	8 00	4 hay forks,	2 50
4 cows,	100 00	2 manure forks,	1 00

3 shovels,.....	\$2 00	Wooden ware,.....	\$1 00
5 rakes,.....	.75	Earthern ware,.....	1 75
1 loafer rake,.....	.50	Tin ware,.....	7 00
1 ox-cart and wheels, .	30 00	1 meal chest,.....	1 00
1 horse waggon,.....	8 00	1 meal sieve,.....	25
1 harness,.....	3 00	Iron ware,.....	1 50
4 hoes,.....	1 00	Tea setts,.....	1 50
3 plows,.....	12 00	5 candle sticks,	50
1 iron bar,.....	1 00	Knives and forks,	1 50
1 hammer,.....	.25	1 skimmer,.....	25
Old iron,.....	2 00	1 water pail,.....	17
4 ox yokes,.....	5 00	5 wash tubs,.....	2 00
4 chains,.....	3 00	1 wash bench,.....	50
2 small chains,.....	.33	Steel-yards,.....	1 00
1 whiffletree and chains	1 00	1 brass kettle,.....	2 00
1 hay rack,.....	2 00	1 cook stove,.....	10 00
1 axletree and shaft,..	1 50	6 stoves and funnel,..	25 00
1 cultivator,.....	1 00	9 tables,.....	4 00
1 harrow,.....	2 00	13 chairs,.....	1 30
4 axes,.....	3 00	1 bed pan,.....	75
1 ox sled,.....	4 00	6 setts drawers,.....	2 50
4 scythes and snaiths,	4 00	Sole leather,.....	50
1 grindstone,	4 00	Loom and apparatus,..	2 50
1 cheese press,.....	1 50	5 spinning wheels,....	2 00
1 bush hook,.....	.50	1 cheese table,.....	30 00
2 beatles and wedges,	2 00	8 beds and bedding,..	64 00
3 augurs,.....	.75	4 meal bags,.....	50
1 shave,.....	.50	1 coffee mill,.....	25
1 sleigh,.....	2 00	1 chain,.....	1 50
1 wood saw,.....	.50	1 pair sheep shears,..	50
2 hogs,.....	36 00	1 glass lantern,..	25
12 flour barrels,.....	1 00	1 buffalo robe,.....	40
65 bushels corn,.....	71 50	325 pounds pork,.....	39 00
1 corn sheller,.....	.50	60 lbs. ham,.....	7 50
12 bushels oats,.....	6 00	350 lbs. beef,.....	28 00
8 bushels rye,.....	12 00	8 barrels cider,.....	10 00
9 bushels beans,.....	22 50	6 cider barrels,.....	4 00
1 set measures,.....	.75	8 meat barrels,.....	4 00
3 ladders,.....	1 00	2 barrels apples,..	3 00
Tie-up bows,.....	.50	2 soap barrels and soap,	2 00
1 turkey,.....	1 00	100 bushels potatoes,..	50 00
9 hens,.....	3 00	Pickles,.....	50
Crockery ware,.....	3 00	50 bushels apples,....	12 50

70 lbs. butter,.....	\$12 50	2 skeins stocking yarn,.	\$ 20
76 lbs. lard,.....	9 50	1 pound rolls,.....	50
20 lbs. tallow,.....	2 50	4 yds. drilling,.....	50
2 gallons molasses,...	1 00	1 molasses keg,.....	40
20 pounds soap grease,	1 00	50 lbs. cheese,.....	5 00
Garden sauce,.....	5 00	$\frac{1}{2}$ barrel flour,	5 00
500 feet pine boards,..	5 00		
300 feet maple joist,..	5 00		
60 lbs. dried apples,...	3 00		
		Total - - - -	\$997 10

Daniel B. Rogers in account with the Town of Epping, - Cr.

To cash paid for—

40 gallons molasses,..	\$15 96	1 pair spectacles,.....	\$ 62
8 barrels flour,.....	85 75	Mending tin ware,.....	75
61 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. sugar,.....	4 65	$\frac{1}{2}$ bush. red top seed,..	75
21 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. tea,.....	6 76	1 pk. herds grass seed,	1 00
28 lbs. coffee,.....	3 14	8 lbs. clover seed,....	1 12
18 lbs. saleratus,.....	1 08	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. rope,	30
30 bush. meal,.....	32 72	2 hats,.....	28
15 $\frac{1}{2}$ bush. potatoes,...	11 70	1 barrel pork,.....	20 50
21 $\frac{3}{4}$ lbs. tobacco,.....	5 37	85 $\frac{3}{4}$ lbs. pork,.....	11 25
10 lbs. rice,.....	64	52 lbs. lime,.....	52
4492 lbs. hay,.....	37 33	Paid for labor,.....	10 03
Blacksmith work,.....	7 19	Horsehire,.....	2 30
41 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. nails,	2 03	15 papers garden seeds,	64
24 $\frac{3}{4}$ lbs. mackerel,....	1 37	260 lbs. fish,.....	8 88
3 bags salt,.....	72	21 $\frac{3}{4}$ lbs. fresh fish,....	51
2 $\frac{1}{2}$ bush. salt,.....	1 25	8 lbs. halibut,.....	33
2 axes and handles,...	2 04	Tongues and sounds,..	24
1 bush. rye,.....	1 63	1 bed cord,	33
Crackers,.....	1 75	$\frac{1}{2}$ lb. allspice,.....	10
1 broom,	23	7 oz. nutmegs,.....	70
1 blank book,.....	25	1 lb. starch,.....	10
8 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. cheese,.....	85	20 $\frac{3}{4}$ lbs. veal,.....	1 23
Lime, glass and putty,.	21	36 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. beef,.....	2 49
1 pair ox bows,	44	1 $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. salts,.....	.07
Weighing hay,.....	25	1 chamber,.....	25
1 pair hand irons,	50	$\frac{1}{2}$ lb. pepper,.....	.04
1 augur,.....	50	3 earthen pots,.....	34
2 mop handles,.....	41	1 stove,.....	5 00
3 $\frac{3}{4}$ yds. cambrick,....	24	3 qts. oil,.....	.69
1 $\frac{1}{2}$ pounds snuff,.....	41	5 lbs. candles,	80
$\frac{1}{4}$ gross matches,	12	1 small chain,33

Carding wool,	\$ 39	1 pair cowpins,	\$ 25
2 scythe stones and fork,	80	1 whip lash,.....	10
Pump, nails and rifles,..	24	8 balls wicking,.....	28
Shaving soap,.....	06	1 pitcher,.....	34
6 feet upper leather,..	1 20	4 lbs. raisins,.....	12
17½ lbs. sole leather,..	3 85	1 knife,.....	18
1 hay fork,.....	83	1 pair boots,.....	2 87
2 rennets,.....	25	3 lbs. raisins,.....	51
1 paper shoe nails, ...	9	Thread,.....	47
4 rakes,.....	66	¾ pound cassia,.....	30
1 comb,.....	16	6 plates,.....	27
3 yds. pant cloth,....	2 25	1 lb. ginger,.....	8
5 baskets,.....	1 59	85 flour barrels,.....	12 46
1 skimmer,.....	8	1 cask,.....	1 25
2 qts. vinegar,.....	8	15 yds. shirting,.....	1 56
1 shovel,.....	83	1 pair overalls,.....	50
Repairing chain pump,	25	1 cotton handkerchief,	13
Use of ox wagon,	25	59½ yds. sheeting,....	4 90
Spring to a wagon, ...	50	33 yds. drilling,.....	4 38
1 water pail,.....	21	3 yds. crash,.....	30
Shoe thread,	12	3½ yds. cheese cloth,..	51
1 oz. copperas,.....	1	50½ yds. print,.....	5 29
1 skein cotton yarn,...	4	2 balls twine,.....	12
6 lbs. cotton batting,..	60	Paid for sundries,.....	4 34
4½ yds. flannel,.....	1 53		
Coopering,.....	2 48	Total, - - - - -	\$361 67

Cash received by Superintendent for articles sold from the Town Farm in 1855.

86 barrels apples,....	107 50	Maple timber,	1 28
33 barrels apples, ...	32 01	Sole leather,.....	25
8 bush. apples,.....	2 45	Bateing cattle,.....	25
24 lbs. butter,	4 07	1 turkey,.....	75
Eggs,	1 41	2 hens,.....	50
2 veal calves,.....	8 50	½ M. shingles,	1 00
Cash for labor,.....	4 71	1½ bush. beans,	2 75
Oats,	65	1 calf-skin,.....	84
Cheese,	56		
Difference in cows,...	1 00		\$209 84
Wool,.....	9 45	Cash of Selectmen,..	151 83
Lambs,.....	14 00		
Sheat and pigs,.....	13 14		\$361 67
½ bush. turnips,.....	17		

The above account balanced and settled,

THOMAS FOLSOM,	{	<i>For Selectmen of Epping.</i>
DANIEL B. ROGERS,		<i>Superintendent of Poor Farm.</i>

Feb. 28, 1856.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

The undersigned, auditor appointed to examine the accounts of the Selectmen of Epping for the year 1855 to March 1st, 1856, having attended to the duty assigned him respectfully submits the following

REPORT:

The Selectmen charge themselves with cash in the hands of Thomas Folsom, as reported Feb. 28, 1855,	\$292 01
In the hands of Benjamin S. Clifford,.....	487 95
Received from Deerfield,.....	6 58
Cash hired Stephen Holt,.....	150 00
Cash hired of John Jenness,.....	50 00
Cash hired for Steers,	55 00
From the State Literary Fund,.....	77 52
From the County, support of paupers nine months,..	288 65
Cash received of Nancy Norris,.....	5 08
Cash received of Abigail Sanborn,	24 46
To a list of taxes assessed and committed to J. Garland,	2850 57
State Railroad tax,.....	11 52
Cash hired of Daniel W. Ladd,.....	300 00
Cash hired of Joseph C. Plumer,	82 48
To Poor Farm oxen sold,.....	135 00
Total, - - - - -	\$4816 82

In addition is taxes assessed on school house

in District No. 4,.....	\$125 33
Taxes assessed on house in District No. 5,.	156 11

Which remain in the collectors' hands, \$281 44

The Selectmen have exhibited vouchers for the following payments, to wit :

To cash paid State tax,	\$317 80
Cash paid County tax,	528 21
Cash paid Schools,	681 81
Literary Fund,	77 49
Materials for roads and bridges,	156 27
Brentwood road indicted,	124 56
French road,	64 49
Executions paid,	442 87
Attorneys fees,	489 25
Teachers' Institute,	23 83
Superintending School Committee, 1854,	15 00
Supplies for Town Farm,	254 54
Superintendent's salary,	200 00
Support of poor off town farm,	52 25
Printing Town Accounts, 1854,	18 00
Stationery,	7 56
Abatements of former years,	39 05
Town Clerk,	14 67
Pound,	3 34
Donation to Schools,	6 00
Donation to ministry,	6 00
Abatements of this year,	1 56
Town hall repairs and taking care of same,	17 12
Guide boards,	1 50
Militia enrolment,	3 00
Non-resident labor of former years,	9 16
Non-resident labor of this year,	40 52
Breaking roads,	244 66
Law suits,	10 25
Selectmen, services in town,	84 65
Selectmen, services out of town,	47 10
Labor on the roads in 1854,	1 00
Paid Superintending School Committee,	18 00
Yoke oxen, town farm,	120 00
services Selectmen last year,	1 87
on note formerly held by Daniel B. Rogers,	135 00
	\$4258 25
Remaining in the hands of Thomas Folsom,	68 53
Remaining in the hands of Joseph Garland, collector,	490 20
	\$4816 98

TOWN FARM.

Received from County,	\$237 90
Due from the County,	80 00
Stock and produce sold from the farm,	209 84
Lumber used by town for bridges, 3500 feet,	38 00
Received from Deerfield, for paupers,	6 58
Increased valuation of property as by appraisal of Selectmen,	78 50

	\$650 82
Cash paid for supplies by the Superintendent, paid by Selectmen,	361 67
Taxes paid for schooling,	3 14
Non-resident taxes,	3 96
Cart wheels,	25 00
Superintendent's salary,	200 00 — 593 77

Income, as shown by Selectmen's appraisal,	\$57 05

The following is a list of Notes held against the Town, March 1, 1856.

Mary J. Carr, July 10th, 1850,	\$100 00
Nathan G. Prescott, Feb'y 9th, 1852,	110 00
Elizabeth Clifford, June 21st, 1852,	100 00
Oliver H. Bickford, Feb'y 9th, 1852,	100 00
Betsey Rundlet, Oct. 13th, 1852,	50 00
Sarah O. Rollins, Nov. 2nd, 1852,	74 00
Mary B. Blaisdell, Nov. 19th, 1852,	189 00
Mark Carr, Aug. 29th, 1853,	150 00
Levi W. Pearson, Sept. 17th, 1853,	150 00
Sarah A. G. Brown, Dec. 2nd, 1854,	263 00
Stephen Holt, April 7th, 1855,	100 00
Stephen Holt, April 20th, 1855,	50 00
John Jenness, April 28th, 1855,	50 00
Nancy Norris, July 2nd, 1855,	600 00
Sarah Norris, Feb'y 23d, 1856,	128 67
Abigail Sanborn, Feb'y 23d, 1856,	170 00

Daniel W. Ladd, Feb'y 29th, 1856,.....	300 00
Joseph C. Plumer, March 1st, 1856,.....	200 00

Interest due on the above, estimated at,	\$2884 67
	254 96
Notes and interest being,.....	\$3189 63
Estimated as land damages to Levi G. Towle and Joseph Edgerly, Jr.,.....	75 00
Outstanding claims, estimated by Selectmen at..	50 00

Town liabilities,.....	\$3264 63
Remaining in the hands of Thomas Folsom,..	\$68 53
Due town on executions ag'st Sophia Gordon,..	261 77
Due from Joseph Garland, town tax,.....	490 20
Due from the County for the support of pau- pers to Feb'y 1, 1856,.....	80 00
Available funds,..	----- \$900 50

Town indebtedness,.....	\$2364 13
Indebtedness last year,.....	1832 86

Increased indebtedness,....	\$531 27

DANIEL W. LADD, *Auditor.*

Epping, March 1, 1856.











